

Application No.: 09/849,457

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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action mailed on August 18, 2003, rejected claims 14-16, 21-23 and 26-30, and objected to claims 24-25. The specification, including abstract and title, and claims are objected to for several informalities. Claims 21, 22, 26, 27-29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 14-16, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Kobayashi (US 2002/0033664A). Applicants have amended claims 21, 26, 27 and 30 above, to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicants have also amended claims 14, 15 and 22 to clarify the scope of the invention. As amended, these claims clearly distinguish over the prior art, and therefore overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 14-16, 21-30 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

In response, Applicants have amended the specification, the title and claims to properly address the objections, and these objections should be withdrawn. In addition, Applicants have also amended claims 21, 27 and 30 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In addition, Applicants fail to find the incomplete sentence "Likewise...wit" on page 10, line 5, but find a similar sentence on page 10 line 18 (paragraph [0040]). However, that sentence seems complete. Therefore, Applicants have currently not amended this issue.

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Claims 14-16, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Kobayashi (US 2002/0033664A1).

Amended claim 14 recited an "active gas-moisture absorption layer". The active gas-moisture absorption can absorb water or oxygen, etc. However, the absorption alleged by the Office Action is used to absorb light (see paragraph [0097] and Fig. 8), which is different from the claimed invention. Although the layers are to absorb something, but the layers have different structures because the material to be absorbed is different. Light and the gas or moisture have different physical properties, and therefore their corresponding absorption layers have different structure. Applicant respectfully submits that Kobayashi fails to disclose the claimed feature in claim 14 of the present invention. Therefore, independent claim 14 patently distinguishes over the prior art, and thus should be allowed.

Claims 15-16 and 21-30, dependent on independent claim 14, is thus should be allowed for at least the above reasons.

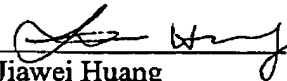
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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believe that all pending claims 14-16, 21-30 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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